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IN THE CLAIMS:

1 - 12. (canceled)

13. (new) A collapsible table comprising:

a blow-molded table top having an upper surface and a lower surface;

a pair of opposing support stands pivotally attached to the lower surface of the table top, the support stands operable to be positioned in an extended position in which the support stands are disposed substantially perpendicular to the lower surface of the table top and in a collapsed position in which the support stands are disposed substantially parallel to the lower surface of the table top, each support stand comprising:

a pair of support legs separated by a distance;

a reinforcement member attached to the support legs and spanning the distance between the support legs; and

a substantially C-shaped holder disposed between the support legs and attached to the reinforcement member;

a pair of articulated support bars, each having a first end pivotally attached to the lower surface of the table top and a second end pivotally connected to a corresponding one of the support stands, the support bars operable to be positioned in an extended position in which the support bars are disposed at an angle to the lower surface of the table top for bracing the support stands in the extended position, the support bars further operable to be positioned in a collapsed position in which the support bars are disposed substantially parallel to the lower surface of the table top;

wherein, when the support stands and support bars are in the collapsed position, the substantially C-shaped holder of each support stand engages a corresponding one of the support bars, thereby preventing the support stand from inadvertently moving from the collapsed position to the extended position.

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14. (new) The collapsible table of claim 13 wherein the second end of each of the support bars comprises a pivotally-connected V-shaped brace having a pair of prong members that pivotally attach to the pair of support legs of the corresponding support stand.

15. (new) The collapsible table of claim 13 wherein the lower surface of the table top includes a recess for receiving at least a portion of the C-shaped holder of each support stand when the support stand is in the collapsed position.

16. (new) The collapsible table of claim 13 wherein the reinforcement member comprises an arched brace.

17. (new) The collapsible table of claim 13 wherein the reinforcement member comprises a substantially linear brace.

18. (new) The collapsible table of claim 13 further comprising:
the table top including a downwardly extending lip structure disposed about an outer perimeter of the table top;
a pair of substantially parallel frame members attached adjacent the lip structure and the lower surface of the table top;
the support stands pivotally attached to and between the frame members;
a plurality of fasteners for fastening the frame members to the table top, the fasteners passing through at least a portion of the frame members and engaging the lower surface of the table top but not engaging the lip structure.

19. (new) The collapsible table of claim 18 wherein the frame members comprise support tubes.

20. (new) The collapsible table of claim 19 wherein the frame members comprise substantially cylindrical support tubes.

21. (new) The collapsible table of claim 18 wherein the fasteners comprise screws.

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22. (new) A collapsible table comprising:
a blow-molded table top having an upper surface, a lower surface, and a downwardly extending lip structure disposed about an outer perimeter of the table top;
a pair of substantially parallel frame members attached adjacent the lip structure and the lower surface of the table top;
a pair of opposing support stands pivotally attached to and between the frame members, the support stands operable to be positioned in an extended position in which the support stands are disposed substantially perpendicular to the lower surface of the table top and in a collapsed position in which the support stands are disposed substantially parallel to the lower surface of the table top; and
a plurality of fasteners for fastening the frame members to the table top, the fasteners passing through at least a portion of the frame members and engaging the lower surface of the table top but not engaging the lip structure.

23. (new) The collapsible table of claim 22 wherein the frame members comprise support tubes.

24. (new) The collapsible table of claim 23 wherein the frame members comprise substantially cylindrical support tubes.

25. (new) The collapsible table of claim 22 wherein the fasteners comprise screws.